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1. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS REPLIES TO QUESTIONS REPORTED REFTEL ON FRENCH ARMS SALES POLICY TO PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT ON AUGUST 25 ANSWERED A WRITTEN QUESTION BY A COMMUNIST DEPUTY ON THE FRENCH ATTITUDE TO REPORTS OF A MASSACRE IN MOZAMBIQUE. IN HIS REPLY, FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT TO PROTEST AGAINST "REVOLTING" ACTS IMPUTED TO THE PORTUGUESE WITHOUT CONVINCING EVIDENCE WOULD BE TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF DELIBERATELY TAKING A POSITION AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. FRENCH GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, IS FUNDAMENTALLY ATTACHED TO PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND CONSIDERS THAT THIS RIGHT SHOULD NOT BE REFUSED TO POPULATIONS OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES. FRANCE, HE
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NOTED HAD VOTED IN UNSC ON NOVEMBER 22, 1972 IN FAVOR OF

RESOLUTION ASKING PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES WITH A VIEW IN BRINGING AN END TO ARMED CONFRONTATION AND TO PERMIT THE PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF "SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE." BUT, HE ADDED, IT IS PORTUGAL AS ADMINISTERING POWER WHICH MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS. EVEN THOUGH FRANCE HAS NEVER CONCEALED ITS POINT OF VIEW FROM THE AUTHORITIES IN LISBON, IT WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE. JOBERT IN CONCLUSION REITERATED THAT ARMS SALES TO PORTUGAL ARE ONLY FOR EXTERNAL DEFENSE AND THEIR USE AGAINST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

2. COMMENT: QUAI OFFICIAL WHO DRAFTED JOBERT'S REPLIES TOLD EMBOFF THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY AND THAT GREAT CARE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO MAKE SURE THAT REPLIES WERE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH PAST GOF STATEMENTS ON SAME SUBJECTS.

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